

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Coach Thomas Wims and the Montgomery Bell Academy Baseball Team, 2004 Division II State Baseball Championship winners.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the baseball team of Montgomery Bell Academy is comprised of such estimable individuals; those remarkable young men recently claimed the 2004 Division II State Baseball Championship; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication and hard work, the members of the Big Red maximized their considerable talents and attained great heights in their 2004 season; and

WHEREAS, the MBA baseball team entered the State Play Offs under momentum generated at the end of the regular season; peaking at just the right time, they maintained that momentum throughout the play offs; and

WHEREAS, MBA's championship run began with a victory over Southern Baptist Educational Center; in the Second Round, the Big Red fought off an extraordinary effort by a talented Baylor team to post an 8-5 win; and

WHEREAS, the Big Red scored another victory over SBEC in the Third Round, and, entering the State Championship final, MBA defeated Christian Brothers of Memphis, capturing the Championship in a 7-6 victory; and

WHEREAS, MBA's championship drive was fueled by the efforts of a remarkably talented group of young men, led by a dedicated group of seniors, and All State players Michael Fisher, Scott Pettus, Brad French, and Clay Haury; and

WHEREAS, Coach Thomas Wims strongly supports MBA's motto of Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete in producing players who are multi-dimensional, contributing members of society, as well as athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wims was ably aided by Assistant Coaches Mike Anderson, Mike Martin, and Matt Welles; the team also received invaluable support from the MBA Faculty and Staff; and

WHEREAS, the coaches helped precipitate the team's unrivalled success by sharing their great knowledge of and deep love for the sport; and

WHEREAS, the Big Red epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as the team members have achieved an extremely high level of success in their sport, while evidencing the most circumspect character, both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic and talent of this group of young student-athletes not only made possible a state championship baseball season, but will also surely serve them well as they pursue success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2004 Montgomery Bell Big Red for their success on the field and for serving as fine examples of the high quality of Tennessee's citizenry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join the administration, faculty, staff, students and fans of Montgomery Bell Academy in celebrating the Big Red's 2004 State Baseball Championship, as we honor and commend the talented young men who achieved this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we salute Coach Thomas Wims and his staff for their outstanding abilities as coaches and motivators, and acknowledge their superb record in their profession and continuing concern for their players.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish each member of the team and the coaching staff much continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

